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EPA staff have said of the proposed Portland Harbor Clean-Up Plan, "We think we've found the right balance..." My response is "Nonsense!" The proposed plan is totally inadequate. It does NOT protect the people who live/work in the area, nor does it protect the environment and the wildlife that depend on it. It does NOT hold the polluters accountable. How can you consider a plan acceptable that treats only 15% of the contaminated area, then depends on "letting nature take its course" for dealing with the other 85% of the contaminated area?

I also have concerns that the analysis, and the proposed plan, did NOT deal adequately with social justice issues -- and that, once again, people of color and lower-income residents will be the ones who continue to be impacted the most by leaving so much pollution in the river.

Option G in the draft analysis would be a far better option, but even that option needs additional requirements. For example, the river should be cleaned up enough that it's safe for ALL people to eat the fish, including pregnant women. EPA should set a clear date by which the goal needs to be met (lifting fish advisory warning).

I know the big corporations and public entities responsible for the pollution have been putting a lot of pressure on you to minimize the cost of the clean-up, claiming jobs vs the environment. But that's not necessarily true.

Please don't succumb to their pressure on this important matter.

Finally, I urge you NOT to adopt the Portland Harbor Superfund clean-up plan, as proposed.